

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 1648
LASSEN, et al.	)	Examiner: MOSHER, M.
Serial No.: 09/978,272	)	Washington, D.C.
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For: ASSAY FOR DIRECTLY	)	Docket No.: LASSEN=2A
DETECTING A RS VIRUS	)	Confirmation No.: 4444
RELATED BIOLOGICAL...	)	

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In response to the office action mailed March 28, 2002,  
please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 44.

Please amend claims 1-4, 7, 10-21, 24, 28-34, 36-39, 41-44  
to read as follows: *(Ex. Note: Amended Cls & Clean Copy of  
Claims (not amended) are all here together OK?)*

1. (amended). A kit for directly detecting a RS virus related biological cell or biological particle present in a sample in an amount of less than about 2000 cells or particles per microlitre ( $10^{-6}$  litre), said kit comprising

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- i) a solid support, and
  - ii) a plurality of a first targeting species bound to the solid support, said targeting species being capable of directly binding a predetermined RS virus related biological cell or biological particle when it is present in a sample that is brought into contact with the solid support, and